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Town Meeting Was An Active Affair Vote Near All Appropriations Asked Republican Slate Officials Chosen

Bolton Gets Assessor; Playground Has Boss

The towns annual meeting which was held at the town hall Monday was not as largely attended as usual, but the consideration of the 38 articles, brought on a lively discussion on the floor. The appropriations asked for in the various articles, which were approved by the finance committee were nearly all voted and amounted to \$104,579.46. In the voting for candidates for the various offices, 254 ballots were cast with the polls open until 6:30 o'clock. The only contest was for the office of assessor for three years, in which Fred I. Bolton defeated Clifford Field by three votes. Dr. Allen H. Wright was named as playground commissioner to serve for one year without pay, although \$125 was voted for expenses. The meeting was called to order at ten o'clock by the Moderator, William F. Hoehn and the Warrant was read by the town clerk, Josephine S. Haskell. Charles L. Johnson and Mrs. William A. Shattuck were appointed tellers. The invocation was by Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster of Mt. Hermon school. At noon a dinner was served by a committee of women from the local Grange. Officials chosen were: Town clerk, Josephine S. Haskell; town treasurer, Charles F. Slater; selectmen, Hermon B. Fisher, Fred A. Bolton and Carl L. Mason; assessor, 3 years, Fred I. Bolton; moderator, William F. Hoehn; school committee, 3 years, Irving J. Lawrence; cemetery commissioner, 3 years, George N. Kidder; library trustees, 3 years, Julia B. Austin and Frank H. Montague; tree warden, Dean W. Williams; tax collector, Charles F. Slater; constables, Harry M. Haskell, Herman A. Miner, Martin E. Vorce and Thomas J. Russell.

Action under the articles of the warrant, included the continuance of the present system of party caucus; the grant of the use of the Pine street school, when vacated, to the Historical society for museum purposes; the continuance of the name of Center school for the new school building now nearing completion; the refusal to pay a sum of money for fire hydrant service to the Northfield Water company, and the naming of Dr. Wright to take charge of the playground at the high school as Park Commissioner. The appropriation to Dickinson library was increased when it was shown that the trustees, have in their possession many valuable historical documents to care for. It was voted to accept Holly avenue and Crescent street as a public highway. An electric light was ordered installed in West Northfield and the sum of \$150 was accepted from the Youth Hostel in lieu of taxes on the purchase of the Tyler property.

Appropriations were made as follows: Schools \$34,000; fire department \$1200; town hall care \$2000; community nurse \$1300; gypsy moth \$1000; highways state \$4875; Dickinson library \$1500; Farms library \$50; chapter 90, roads \$1000; Memorial Day \$125; spraying trees \$50; constables account \$200; Holly avenue \$350; athletic field \$125; reserve fund \$2000; painting Bennett Meadow bridge \$1000; care cemeteries \$400; town clock and fountain \$110; water holes \$100; lighting streets \$2971.56; forest fires \$275; welfare \$5200; dependent children \$1000; soldiers relief \$1250; old age assistance \$14,000; snow removal \$3500; town debt, high school \$7000; grade school \$4145.52; interest \$800; tree warden \$75; insurance \$1300; reports \$250; counsel and moderator \$250; town officers \$3850. A few other appropriations were made with the total figure of appropriations and transfers amounting to \$104,579.46.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goode and child, have gone to Boston, for the winter months.

Will Visit Alumni In Western States

Frank E. Dunn, secretary of the Alumni Association of Mt. Hermon school, will leave next week on an extended trip to the Middle West and Pacific coast. Mr. Dunn will meet with Hermon alumni in Philadelphia, St. Louis, Topeka, Denver, Phoenix, San Diego, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Helena, Minneapolis, Chicago, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland and Buffalo. This will be the first trip made by an alumni secretary into this territory in a number of years. Previously Albert E.



Roberts, who lived in California, would meet with these groups from time to time. The dinner meetings in each city will combine groups of alumni from Mt. Hermon and alumnae from Northfield Seminary. Prominent alumni in each club will speak at these meetings and Mr. Dunn plans to show a new film of Mt. Hermon and its activities. A large attendance is expected in view of the added interest of the 60th anniversary celebration at Mt. Hermon in June.

Announce Engagement

Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright announce the engagement of their daughter June Helaine, to Ernest Eastman Leavitt, of Lexington son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Leavitt of Braintree.

Miss Wright was graduated from Northfield high school, attended Northfield seminary one year, graduating from Miss Wheelock's school of Boston and received her degree from Boston university. She taught several years in Northfield and has been teaching for the past two years in Lexington.

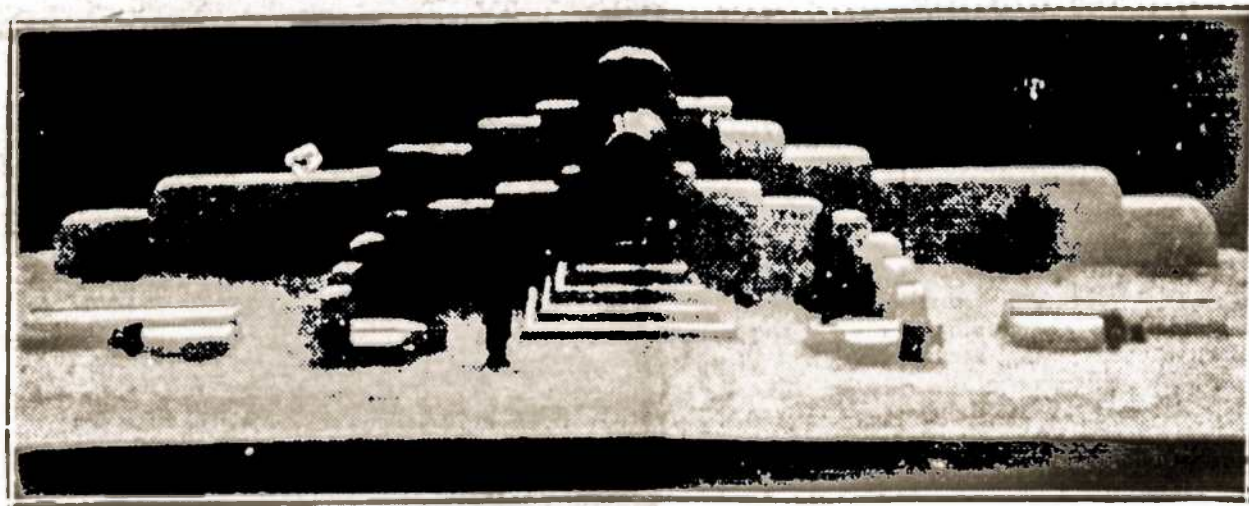
Mr. Leavitt graduated from Dorchester high school and Tufts college and attended Harvard graduate school of engineering. He spent two years in China as engineer for the Rockefeller Foundation, has been engineer for Stone and Webster of Boston, and is now assistant professor of mechanical engineering at Tufts college. He is captain of field artillery, officers reserve corps and is also a member of Simon W. Robinson Lodge of Masons.

The wedding will be an event of early summer.

Fortnightly Today

Members of the Fortnightly will meet today in Alexander hall at 3 o'clock, when after a short business session, they will be entertained with a musical program. In charge of the music committee of which Mrs. Manuel Lopez is chairman. Doris Alviani, baritone will sing. He is the conductor of music at the state college at Amherst.

The evening service Sunday at 7:45 in the Congregational church will be led by the Young Peoples Forum. A book review will be given by Miss Mercy Brann of this town after which an open discussion will follow. Light refreshments will be served.



MODEL OF ICE PALACE

Erected for the Pageant of the Winter Mardi Gras at Keene, N. H.

Annual Town Report Issued Last Week

The annual town report for 1940 was issued last week and sent to all property owners and others interested. It contains a lot of information. It has a complete list of the officials of the town, the articles of the warrant for this year and the many reports of officials and departments. The report of the town clerk states that there were 29 deaths, 21 births and 42 marriages. The library reports that 16,727 books and periodicals were circulated. The school departments reports 332 pupils in the schools. The community nurse reports 821 visits to the sick. The assessors state that total valuations were \$1,848,000 and the tax rate of \$34. They report 237 dogs 114 horses, 990 cattle, 24 sheep and 4000 fowls. The fire department answered 46 calls and report two serious fires. The welfare department aided 45 cases and have 55 recipients of old age assistance. The report of the town treasurer shows the town in a good financial position and the tax collector gives a good showing. The splendid and complete report of the accountant is most illuminating and interesting. Perhaps it tells best the activity of the community. The report also includes the analysis of the auditors examination.

Carrie Louise Mason

Miss Carrie Louise Mason passed away at her home on Main street Sunday evening after a long and trying illness. She was born in Portsmouth, N. H., and educated in the public schools of Lincoln and Somerville. She entered the teaching profession and was trained for the career in what was then known as the Salem Normal school, later the Salem Teachers' college.

After graduation she taught for a few years in Reading, and then began a four-year period of work in Salt Lake City, Mo., under the New West Education commission controlled by the Congregational churches of the United States. From Utah Miss Mason returned to New England and taught for many years in the public schools of Wakefield and Winchester, her services in the latter town covering a period of 24 years during which time she was principal of the Wyman school and later in charge of the vocational school. She retired from active work in this state about 18 years ago, but after this retirement taught for a short time in Connecticut and among the Kentucky mountaineers with the Hindman school. Her interest in this work carried on by the last named school continued throughout her life.

Miss Mason, with her friend, Miss Hill, also for many years a teacher in the Winchester schools, became a resident of East Northfield, 12 years ago. She at once became a member of the Congregational church and as long as she was physically able was active in the work both of the church and the missionary society. The illness which finally culminated in her death began more than two years ago and at times occasioned great suffering. During all this time she has been cared for by her close friend Miss Hill. She is survived by two brothers, Carl L. Mason and Rev. Henry B. Mason, both residents of Northfield, by a sister, Mrs. Emma J. Spencer of Reading, and by several nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held at the local Congregational church on Wednesday afternoon and burial was at Reading.

County towns who held their annual meeting on Monday, beside rain, Charlestown, Conway, Erving, Hawley, Heath, Leavitt, New Salem, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick and Whately.

This week Friday, Saturday and Sunday, a winter Mardi Gras will be held at Keene, N. H. for the Monadnock region. Hundreds of young people and older ones too from Northfield and vicinity will attend and many will partici- pate in the various events. The affair is sponsored by the Ameri- can Legion of Keene with co- operation of the Outing club.

The occasion will incorporate the New Hampshire Interscholastic Ski meet on Friday and Saturday with the Keene Outing club handling the details of that particular phase of the Mardi Gras. In addition there will be open entry classes in skiing, snowshoeing and skating events for both men and women, boys and girls on Sunday afternoon. A hockey game is scheduled for Saturday while on Saturday morning and afternoon and on Sunday afternoon there will be thrilling sled-dog races.

Spectacle highlights of Mardi Gras will be the grand pageant and ice palace to be featured brilliantly on Saturday at 7 p. m. with the Mardi Gras Queen on her throne to officiate at the performance of skaters, vaudeville artists, musicians and merry-makers. This pageant event is expected to be the most surprising and most unusual feature of the entire Mardi Gras program and will draw thousands of spectators to Pierce field on Lower Marlboro street.

Pierce field will also be the starting point for the sled-dog races, in which many of the best known drivers of the east will compete for coveted honors in a two-day event. Some 200 dogs will be entered.

Main street and Central square will appear as a unique art gallery for along with a large sculpture to be created as a central theme in Central square, local and Mondanock Region snow-ice sculptors will create figures all down the length of Main street, making it an avenue of quaint snow figures.

The Keene Winter Mardi Gras will not be without its brilliant social aspect. For an informal dance will take place on Saturday evening, while on Friday evening the Mardi Gras ball will be held. Both of these will be in City hall auditorium. The Friday night affair will feature a floor and stage show.

Clough - Williams

Charles Clough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clough, and Helen Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams, all of Northfield Farms, were married Sunday, Feb. 2, by Rev. A. L. Truesdell in Bernardston. They were attended by Howard Williams and Miss Evelyn Clough. They are occupying the Farnum cottage in West Northfield. Mr. Clough is driver of a milk truck for Mr. Zabko and Mrs. Clough is employed by W. H. Dunklee in South Vernon.

Day Student Parents

There will be a meeting for the parents of day students of the Northfield schools at Social hall, Mt. Hermon, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11 at 8 p. m. Discussion will be led by Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal at the seminary, Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster of Mt. Hermon, and President William E. Park. Social evening will follow the meeting.

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Was Founder's Day Dr. Tweedy Speaks

The 104th anniversary of the birth of Dwight L. Moody, evangelist and founder of the Northfield Schools, was celebrated at the seminary and Mt. Hermon school on Thursday with appropriate services in his memory. Dr. Henry Hallam Tweedy of Yale delivered the principal address at both chapel. Dr. Tweedy spoke of D. L. Moody as a saint, not in the ancient and ecclesiastical sense of that word, but as a "Big human" who met Paul's description of the kind of man a true Christian ought to be. Dr. Tweedy then suggested that merely to remember great persons is not enough. "As some one has phrased it, 'He alone truly remembers a hero who does heroic deeds.' So those of us who remember Mr. Moody as he would like to be remembered must be activated by his spirit, share his purposes, and emulate his deeds."

Dr. Tweedy went on to mention the characteristics of the founder that he felt we should incarnate; D. L. Moody's wholehearted consecration of all that he was and all that he had for the kingdom of God, his undaunted courage in the face of obstacles, his love of work, humor, rugged honesty and above all his broadminded, commonsense, non-sectarian religion. The speaker closed with some personal reminiscences and urged the students to keep Founder's Day by becoming like the founder.

Sixty Bushel Oranges From The Gage Farm

It may be surprising, but its so. Over 60 bushels of "Florida's liquid sunshine" have been received by citizens of this town, from the orange groves of Spurgeon Gage at Orlando. The fruit has been shipped by express and all deliveries have been received in good order, despite the cold weather here. Harold F. Bigelow of the East Northfield post office has been good enough to forward all orders and he is enthusiastic about the whole business. Perhaps when he retires he will head Florida way and capture a fine grove. Mr. Gage says in a letter received this week that he appreciates the advertising in the Press and it has brought good results. He has shipped to Northfield, over a half ton of oranges and he has had orders for them from over 30 states and Canada. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gage are enjoying good health and are happy to greet so many Northfield people in the sunny south.

Governors Reception Includes Town Guests

His Excellency, the Governor and Mrs. Saltonstall will hold a reception for the public, in the Hall of Flags, at the State House in Boston, on Washington's birthday, Saturday, Feb. 22 beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning. This is a time honored custom. An invitation to the reception has been extended to the members of the Republican town committee and their friends to attend in a letter to Chairman Hoehn, and such delegation will gather in the Senate reading room for assembly for escort and presentation. Local residents who can arrange to make the visit should notify Mr. Hoehn of their plans as early as possible.

At Moody Bible Institute

Miss Dorothy M. Marcy, daughter of John H. Marcy, formerly of Northfield, has recently enrolled in the Missionary-Bible course at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. Miss Marcy is one of 2000 students in the day and evening schools. Special feature of this term at the institute was the Founder's Week conference, Feb. 3-9 at which more than 30 internationally known Bible authorities are speaking.

Hermon - Seminary Have Winter Carnival With Many Sports

This is carnival week at the Northfield schools. Students at Mt. Hermon held their sixth annual winter sports carnival on Thursday, with skiing, skating and other outdoor events.

On Saturday the winter carnival will be held at the seminary with a full program of events centering around Perry Pond. The king and queen of the carnival and their royal procession will preside and there will be a cross country ski race, a ski obstacle relay race, a cross country snowshoe race, open ski and snow shoe races, a figure skating competition and skating exhibition.

One of the principal features of the carnival will be snow and ice sculpturing by the girls of the various dormitories and awards will be made for the most effective and best executed displays. After the program of events there will be skating with music for all the girls at Perry Pond.

Candidates for the carnival court have been selected. The three girls who will compete for the title of Snow Queen are Barbara Marschat of New York City, Marjorie Meadows of Malden, and Camilla Kikert of Mt. Hermon. The girls nominated for king of the carnival are Elizabeth Osbourne of New York City, Janet Bryan of Salem, N. J., and Bubbe Mundhenk of Arlington, N. J.

At Shelburne Falls

Republican Women Meet

Next Friday, Feb. 14, the Franklin County Womens Republican club will hold a mid-winter gathering and luncheon at Shelburne Falls at the Baptist church. Mrs. James A. Gunn of Turners Falls is president of the organization. The meeting is intended for officers, directors and committee members of the various towns, but friends and other members are invited to attend. The program will include a speaker from the Boston Womens Republican club. Women who wish to attend should make reservations for the luncheon of Mrs. Mabel Smith, 32 Leverance street, Shelburne Falls. It is expected that a number will attend from Northfield.

Many Expect To Attend Garden Club Meeting

The meeting of the Garden club next Monday evening in the vestry of the Unitarian church when a supper will be served, will be largely attended according to the reservations made by the members. The supper will be served by the women of the church with Mrs. McNeil in charge. After the business session the program of the evening will be given and is in charge of Mrs. Allen H. Wright and Joseph W. Field.

Hermon-Seminary Sunday Speakers

Dr. Charles Cadigan of Christ church, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., will speak at the morning service at Mt. Hermon school on Sunday at 10:30. Rev. Herbert M. Gale, head of the Bible department of the seminary, will conduct the vespers service at 5:30. Rev. Harold B. Ingalls, chaplain of the seminary will preach at the morning service in Russell Sage chapel at 11, and Rev. Ray Gibbons of the First Church of Christ, Northampton, will speak at vespers at 5 p. m.

Valley Bible Conference

The Connecticut Valley Bible conference will meet in the Congregational church next Monday, the 10th, for their February meeting. The meeting is being sponsored by the women of the Tuesday afternoon Bible class and a cordial invitation is given to all interested persons of the community. A basket lunch at noon with hot coffee served by the members of the Friendly class. The morning service will be conducted by Rev. A. L. Truesdell of Bernardston, a member of the conference committee. The Bible study service at 2 o'clock will be led by Mrs. William H. Giebel. To commemorate the birthday of Dwight L. Moody, Mrs. William R. Moody will give a reminiscent message at 3 o'clock and the address of the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock will be given by Rev. Arthur Bowen, home secretary of the South African General Mission under whose direction there are some missionaries connected with the Connecticut Valley Bible conference.

What Does It Mean Houses Were Vacant During Census Survey

During the taking of the government census last spring, a survey was included which indicated the number of houses, or rather homes in each community with the number found to be available for sale or rental and uninhabited. The result of the survey for Franklin county has just been made available and from a study, it does not present a satisfactory condition, especially so far as real estate is concerned. There are in Northfield 638 individual homes and of this number, 57 were found to be vacant. The number of homes or vacancies does not include those homes found on the hillside, suitable only for summer occupancies. Greenfield leads with 4600 units, with 162 vacant or a proportion of 3.5 per cent. Montague is next with 2208 units, 98 vacant or 4.4 per cent. Orange is third with 1933 units, 114 vacant or 5.9 per cent. Deerfield is next with 697 units, 19 vacant or 2.7 per cent. Northfield with its 638 units and 57 vacant has a percentage of 8.9. Of vacancies in all the towns of the county, Northfield is fourth with Greenfield, first, Orange, second and Montague third. In percentages Northfield is exceeded only by Rowe with 12.4 per cent, and Hawley with 11.2 per cent. The survey brings about a situation which is not flattering to this community and is not conducive to maintaining real estate values here. Perhaps our vacant homes may be too large for the average family and they remain idle. Within the past two years, there has been a call for low rentals, but at the price offered it was not possible to build, or repair and secure a proper return. Real estate sales have been few in number and there is little demand even now. The survey presents a real problem to Northfield and something must be done about it soon. It is of real concern to every property owner.

Valentine Card Party By The Health Council

At the next meeting of the local Health Council, to be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the town hall, final arrangements will be made for the Valentine card party, to be held at the town hall on the evening of Friday, Feb. 14 at 8 o'clock. Prizes are to be awarded and refreshments will be served. There already has been reported a large sale of tickets and the event will mark a social session in the annals of the community.

Congregational Church

The morning service at the Congregational church, Sunday at 11 o'clock will hear Rev. Herman Van Lunen as preacher. Sunday school is at 10; Christian Endeavor, 6:45 with Miss Ruth Kimball as the leader; The Young Peoples Forum at 7:45 with a book review by Miss Mercy Brann.

The Womens Bible class will meet Wednesday at 3 at the home of Mrs. J. R. Colton with Mrs. W. H. Giebel as leader. The Mothers society meets the same day and time at the home of Mrs. Ross L. Spencer.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:15 with Rev. Mabel Makepeace as leader. Choir rehearsal also Thursday evening.

The Evening auxiliary will meet Friday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Neva Barber. Miss Servaes and Mrs. Whitney will have charge of the program.

Black - Elliott

J. Herbert Black, son of Mrs. and the late John Black of Maple street, and Miss Sacca Elliott of Boyer, W. Va., were married by Rev. William W. Coe at his home on Main street, Monday evening, Jan. 27. They are now established in their home on Maple street with the congratulations and best wishes of all who know them.

Miss Wilson Entertains

House instructors of Northfield seminary and other guests gathered at the home of Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal, on Thursday evening, to hear a talk by Miss Edith W. Fisher, proprietor of the Original Thread and Needle Shop on Boylston street, Boston. Miss Fisher is also president of the Business and Professional Womens club of Boston. The subject of her talk was "Women of Scandinavia and Finland." All of the guests enjoyed this interesting discussion and the delicious refreshments which followed.

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TOWN TOPICS

Ernest Bolton and Gordon Carr spent last week end at their homes here, from their studies at Wentworth Institute at Boston.

Miss Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, has returned to the Brattleboro hospital after a three months training period at the Lying-In hospital in Providence, R. I.

Motorists from upper Vermont, visiting this town, report that an ice bridge has formed across Lake Champlain at Burlington to the New York side.

Northfield, were: Buckland, Col. Local friends of Rev. and Mrs. William H. Cole, of Southbridge, where Mr. Cole is rector of Holy Trinity church, will be interested to learn that a children's chapel is to be installed in his church as a memorial to their young daughter, Sarah Cole who recently died.

Mr. Cole, formerly at St. James church in Greenfield, visited the members of the parish here at frequent intervals.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Huber have returned from their wedding trip, which they spent mostly motoring about Florida. They are now occupying their home on the Winchester highway.

February will note Lincoln's birthday on Wednesday the 12th and Washington's birthday on Saturday the 22nd.

The ground hog had his day last Sunday, but about Northfield, the day was cloudy without a ray of sunshine. Perhaps now he expects an early spring like the rest of us.

Bert C. Abbott is seriously ill at his home on Main street.

Northfield Grange will hold a dance at their hall next Thursday evening, the receipts going to the senior class of the high school for their Washington trip fund.

Deerfield academy defeated the Mt. Hermon basketball team at Deerfield last Saturday night by a score of 58-18.

Rev. Elliott W. Brown has closed his house on Main street and left last Tuesday to spend the remainder of the winter at Orlando, Fla.

The B. & M. railroad will run a moonlight ski special from points south to Brattleboro on Saturday evening, Feb. 8. The train will stop at the East Northfield station.

According to weather prophets, the month of February will have normal but pleasant weather, although it will come in with a cold spell.

The New England Box Co. will rebuild its saw mill, recently destroyed by fire. It is hoped to have it completed by April 1 and will be good news to the men who are employed there.

The Harmony Lodge of Masons held their regular monthly meeting, Wednesday evening at their hall. Following the business session and degree work, refreshments were served.

On Tuesday evening, February 25, at 8 o'clock, Harmony Lodge of Masons will be host to the meeting of the 12th Lodge of Instruction at which time Rt. Wor. Frank A. Yeaw of Greenfield will speak on Masonic Achievements.

Last week, Fred Taylor, who lives in North Brattleboro was watching a large tree being felled and unable to get away in time the falling branches crashed upon him and he was badly cut and bruised. He was brought here to the office of Dr. Dean, who sewed up the wound and returned him to his home.

Orr D. Adams of Northfield Farms recently observed his 80th birthday, as we have already noted in a previous edition. During the recent snow storm, Mr. Adams was out and shoveled paths about his house.

The Womens Alliance of the Unitarian church will meet next Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church vestry with Mrs. Mary Holton in charge of the program and Mrs. H. M. Haskell as hostess.

Miss Anne L. Richardson of North Brattleboro, Me., who is a summer resident of Rustic Ridge has gone to St. Petersburg, Fla. with friends to spend the remaining winter months.

Miss Emma Halloworth of this town, who has been registered at the Weldon hotel in Greenfield for several weeks, leaves Saturday to spend the balance of the winter season in Florida.

Mrs. Maude Johnson of Melrose will be the speaker at the Republican Womens club of the county at Shelburne Falls next Friday.

Miss Florence Lyon has returned to Northfield to resume her duties as director of admissions at the seminary. Miss Lyon has been studying during the past summer and first semester of the school year at Radcliffe college.

Rev. W. E. Park, president of the Northfield schools, will preach at the Sunday morning service at Wheaton college on Sunday. President Park's father, has been president of Wheaton since 1926.

DELAND'S MUSIC STORE

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Clarence Spaulding, herdsman for Northfield seminary suffered a broken rib recently. He is able to be at his work. Mrs. Spaulding has also been quite ill, and her mother, Mrs. Cora Buffum is recovering from a severe attack of grippe at the home of her son, Warren in Winchester.

The chapter of the Eastern Star will meet in regular session at the Masonic hall next Wednesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Members take notice.

Mrs. M. P. Stanley of Highland avenue left this week for a stay at the Oleander Inn at Daytona, Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Kellogg who have located at Glenwood, near Deland, Fla., have recently purchased a home there with 15 acres of various kinds of fruit.

Miss Hazel C. Tenney, who is studying at the State college at Amherst, spent the mid-year vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Tenney of Northfield Farms.

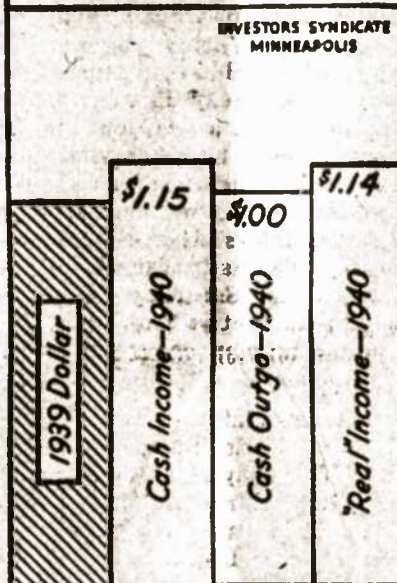
The Northfield Grange will hold a Valentine party at the time of its next regular meeting Tuesday evening.

Was Accidentally Shot

Thornburn Clark, a student at Mt. Hermon school and a member of its rifle team, was accidentally shot last week Wednesday, when he slipped on the ice and fell, while returning with a school-master and members of the team from a target practice. The 22-cal. bullet entered his leg. The wound was not serious and he was treated by Dr. Harwood Cummings, the school physician at the infirmary. He is making a fine recovery.

American Income Rises 14 Cents; Living Costs Hold At 1939 Levels

PURCHASING POWER DECEMBER, 1940 Compared with DECEMBER, 1939



THE above chart, showing how the average American fared in national income changes in the last twelve months, is based on the monthly consumers' study of Investors Syndicate of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Public in December had a "real income" of \$1.14, or an increase of fourteen cents on the dollar over the same 1939 month. This "real income" is not a subtraction of cash income and expenditures, but an average relative of these figures designed to show how living costs affect adjusted income dollars.

Cash income of Mr. and Mrs. Public in December was \$1.14 for every \$1 a year earlier. This gain of fourteen cents on the dollar resulted from the following changes per dollar: wages up sixteen cents and salaries eight cents; investment income was up seven cents and other income was up twenty cents on the dollar.

Rents in December were a cent higher than a year ago, but clothing, food and miscellaneous items were unchanged, making living expenses unchanged from a year ago.

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Local Masons Entertain

For the past six weeks, members of Harmony Lodge of Masons have been engaged in playing pitch games with members of Golden Rule Lodge of Hinsdale. The losers were to provide an oyster supper and since the local group failed in the score, the members of the Hinsdale team will be treated to their supper at the rooms of Harmony Lodge this Friday evening. At the same time another series of games will be started, with the losers to provide a turkey supper.

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The Back Yard Gardener
By G. O. Olsson

You often hear folks saying that so-and-so never has an original idea. Well, why bother to think up new ideas when you can get plenty from those around you? One was that up in New Hampshire, a man by the name of Holley, a scientist I believe at the university, has developed a new garden flower. It came originally from the dry regions of the southwest, but it grows very nicely here in New England. As yet it doesn't have a popular name, but the scientists call it *Othake spicata*. Perhaps you can make a name for yourself.

This plant has rose colored flowers which grow in clusters and are about an inch or an inch and a half across. The plants are 15 to 20 inches high and about the same distance across. They come into bloom, as I get it, about 5 or 6 weeks after the seeds are planted and will continue to bloom until the plants are killed by heavy frosts.

This reminds me of something that Dave Arnold always says—and that is that every garden enthusiast should try to add one or two new flowers to his garden each year, the idea being to keep up on developments in the field.

I was quite interested to learn the other day that the Arnold Arboretum in Boston is running a contest which has as its purpose the improvement of the beach plum. A gentleman by the name of James R. Jewett presented the Arboretum with \$5000 and they are supposed to use the income to offer as prizes.

These prizes are going to be awarded to the individuals who make significant improvement in the native beach plum or, as the announcement says, to the person who through the development of beach plum products may have made contributions of social significance.

Well, I had never thought of beach plum jelly as being of social significance, but the more I think about it the committee used very excellent language in making the announcement. Any kind of jelly for that matter has a certain social significance that isn't to be ignored.

So if you homemakers feel that you can make a contribution of social significance, you'd better get going. And perhaps some of you amateur plant enthusiasts can make improvements in the beach plum and thus win one of these prizes.

I believe the plan is to make the first awards in August 1941, so if you're really interested, you could write to the Arnold Arboretum, the address being Jamaica Plain.

One other thought has to do with the viburnum aphid, sometimes called snowball louse. I was reading an article which says that viburnum receives considerable damage every year from numerous aphids, but this particular one seems to do more damage than all the others. The big thing in the control is the application of a nicotine sulphate spray just as the buds begin to burst and then another spray about ten days later. If you hit it at the right time, you get excellent control.

The recommendation given was one to one and a quarter pints of nicotine sulphate and five pounds of powdered soap to 100 gallons of water. As I figure that down to back yard garden size I'd say about one teaspoonful to one or two quarts of water with a little soap.

Prom Was A Success

The junior prom which was held last Friday evening in the town hall was a success in every way. A large number had gathered to participate in the dance with music furnished by Cappy Fuchs orchestra of Greenfield. A reception was the prelude to the festivities and in the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Linville Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Given, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cobb, Miss Agnes Casey, Peter Ladzinski, Eleanor A. Barnes, Winona Robinson and William Huber. The committees in charge of arrangements were: Tickets, Winona Robinson, Eleanor Barnes, William Richardson, Stanley Johnson, Howard Spaulding; programs, Helen Dymerski, Graia Churchill and Stella Lematowicz.

Boy Scout News

The regular meeting of the Boy Scout troop was held Monday evening. A game period was held following which signaling and first aid tests were studied. Plans for Scout anniversary week were made. The closing exercises were under the direction of Richard Harris.

A group of scouts from the local troop camped out over the weekend at the troop cabin in Ashuelot. Snowshoeing, skiing, and tobogganing was enjoyed. Scouts attending were Kenneth and Norman Bolton, Carleton Finch, Carroll Rich, John Rikert and Dwight Stearns. Sam Truesdell and Walter Harding were in charge.

Exams For Annapolis
In First District

Congressman Allen T. Treadway, who represents our district in Washington states that a preliminary test for entrance in the U. S. Naval academy, in this district will be held on Feb. 21. Any young man in Northfield who desires to take the test, should communicate with Congressman Treadway at once. All candidates must be residents of this district, unmarried and between the ages of 16 and 20 on April 1.

West Northfield and South Vernon

Mrs. Leon Randall was called to Schenectady, N. Y. last week, to attend the funeral of her uncle.

The Mission society will hold a Valentine party at Dickinson hall on Friday evening, Feb. 14. There will be an amateur show and a program. Mrs. Georgia Holton is chairman of the committee in charge and invites amateurs to take part. A prize will be offered for the best number. There is a small admission charge to the party.

Miss Elva Martineau and Miss Lois Billings of Bethel, Vt., were weekend guests at Miss Martineau's home here.

Vernon Grange recently received a certificate of improvement in the quality of their programs during the past year.

Mrs. Dora Hannon, who had been working at the home of John E. Gale in Guilford, Vt., was taken ill and went to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Edith Gassett of Putney, Vt.

It is planned to have an entertainment this month for the benefit of the children's band. There is to be a program of dramatics and music. Warren Brown and James Lyons have charge of arrangements.

South Vernon Advent church, Rev. B. F. White, pastor. Morning service at 10:30 with sermon by pastor; Sunday school at 11:45; Loyal Workers discussion group at 6:30, leader, James Lyons; Evening service with sermon by the pastor at 7:30. Weekly prayer meeting at Vernon Home, Thursday at 7 o'clock. Next Monday, Feb. 10 there will be a dedication of the new bulletin board, given by E. S. Bralley, the chimes given by Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Spiller and of the gift from Mrs. Nellie Adams to sustain the daily vacation Bible school. This Saturday the tonette band will meet at 2 o'clock and the junior mission society at 3 o'clock.

The Friendship club met at the home of Mrs. Doris Bolton its president on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kingsbury of Bellows Falls were guests of her sister, Mrs. Leroy Barnes recently while on their way for a vacation in Florida.

Miss Elizabeth Weston has returned from a visit with relatives in New York and New Jersey.

Mrs. Hattie Streeter Frost, 81, widow of Fred Frost of Berwick, Maine, died last Saturday. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Streeter of Huckle Hill and a half-sister of Charles D. Streeter of Mt. Hermon. Other surviving relatives are a sister, Mrs. Annie Brooks of West Cheshire, Ct., an aunt, Mrs. Julia Newton of Bernardston, a cousin, H. E. Streeter of Springfield and several cousins. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Baptist church in Bernardston, with

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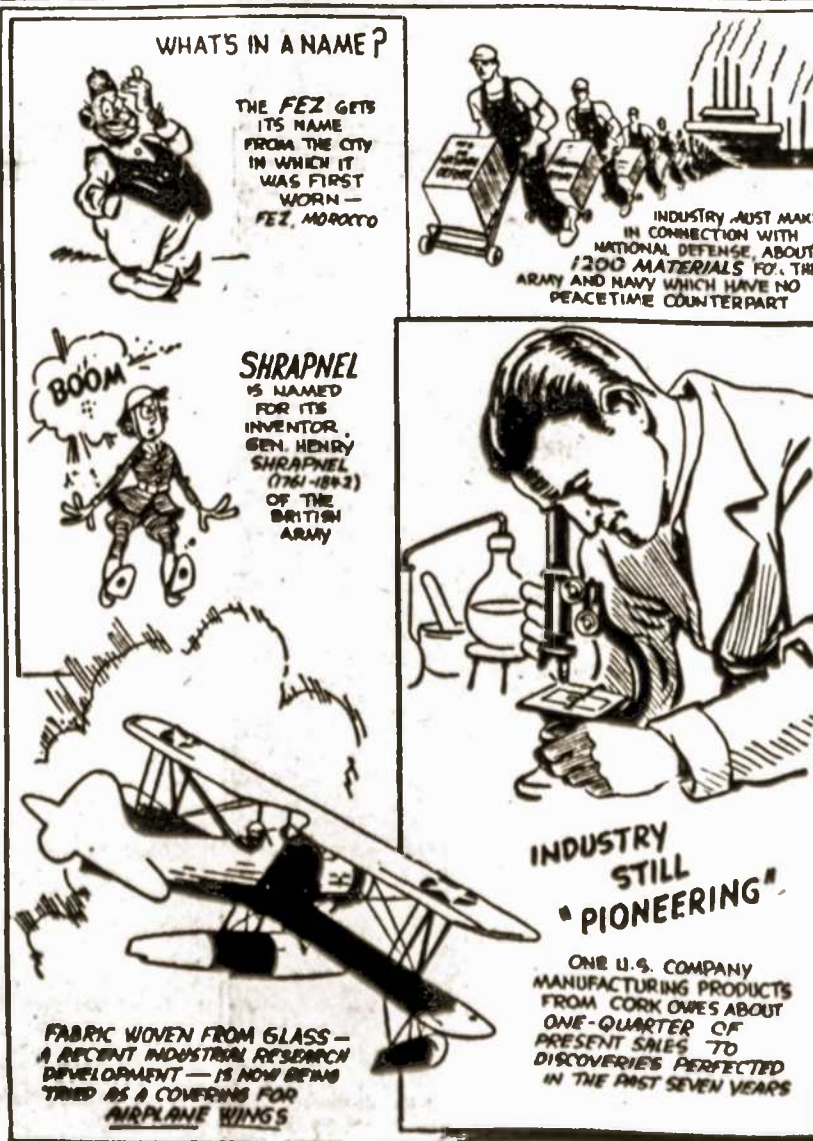
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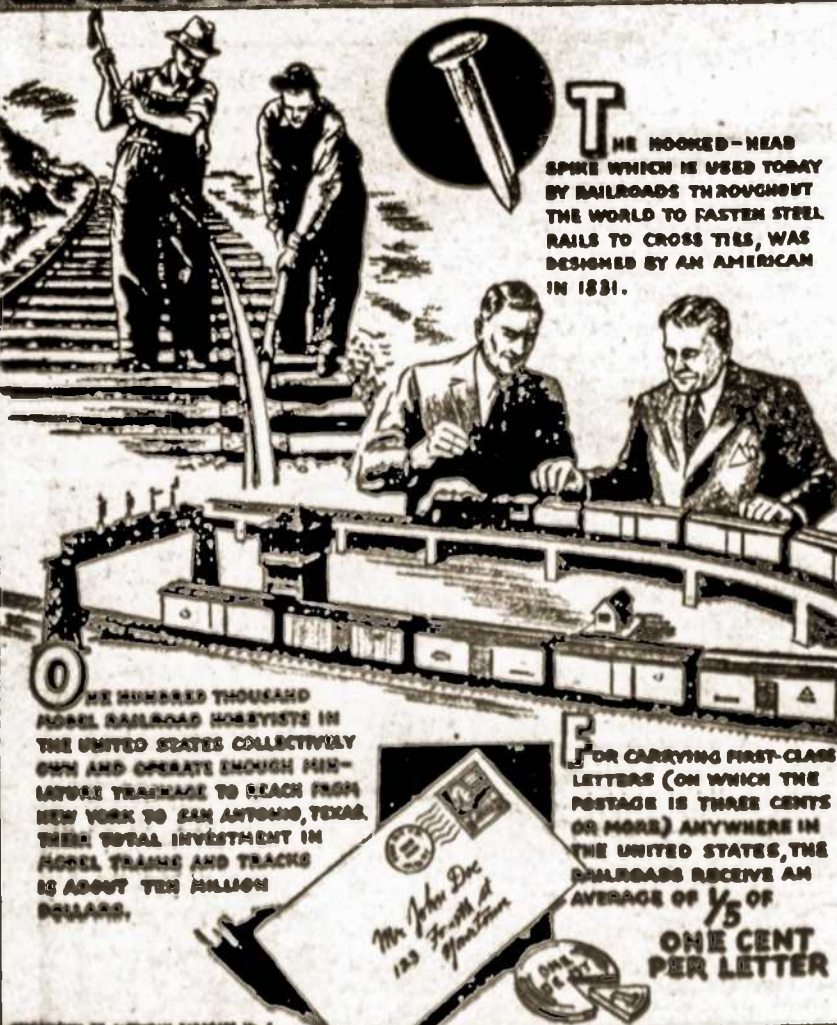
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THE POCKETBOOK
of KNOWLEDGE BY TOPPS

Rail oddities



Center School News

The assembly held last Friday morning was under the direction of Mrs. Donald Williams. The program commemorated the birthdays of Schubert and Walter Damrosch. Solos on musical instruments were played by the following students: Neil Churchill, William Shattuck, George Phelps, Helen Howard, Robert Royer and Helen Andrew. Lives of Schubert and Damrosch were given by Kay Moody and June Cota. Several recordings were enjoyed through the kindness of Mrs. Percy Goodspeed and A. Gordon Moody. A musical memory test was conducted by Mrs. Williams.

Certificates for perfect attendance were awarded to Marilyn Dresser and Sophie Duda. State reading certificates for five books

were awarded to Lorraine Gingras, Edmund Morgan, Ruth Dawe, George Phelps, Elsie Wing; for 10 books, Paul Gorzocski, Neil Churchill, Helen Howard, Marion Zabko and Arlene Finch.

Next week's assembly will be in commemoration of Boy Scout anniversary week and will be in charge of the principal, Walter Harding.

She: I cannot learn to love you.
He: But I've saved \$10,000.
She: Give me one more lesson.

She: What makes you think our boy is going to be a politician?
He: He says more things that sound well and mean nothing than any other human being I ever saw.

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EDITORIAL

THE NEWS OF THE WAR

It is interesting to note, how far and how much, the radio is dispensing the news and comments of the European war. Miscellaneous programs and music are giving way to the determined desire of the people to get the latest in the happenings across the sea, and to hear a knowing commentator reveal his interpretation of the situation. Radio is responding to the desire of its hearers for news and more news. Happening into several homes the radio was noted to demand special attention at the news period and it seems to have been so in each house. It has provided a public forum and the resulting education of the individual is appreciated. We are largely forming our opinions by reason of the story as told over the radio. And so we say to the broadcasters, "Go to it."

THE PEOPLE DECIDE

The annual town meeting has been held and is now part of history. The articles of the warrant were presented to our voters, covering all activities of the community and they have spoken. Any displeasure found in the outcome is a reaction to the one who so expresses it. Either their presence was lacking or else they belonged to that small minority who voted so feebly. The majority have acted and the result was definitely voiced. If error of judgment in arriving at conclusions was made, that error may be properly corrected in the future by a rehearsal of the facts before a special meeting. However on the whole, the meeting was decisive and the voters knew their mind, thus expressing themselves. The result is nothing to conjure with.

War Opens Market For Juniper Berries

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The reserve supplies of juniper berries accumulated before the blockade are now practically exhausted, and American-grown juniper berries are bringing a war-market price of 25 to 35 cents a pound. Joseph Putnam, county agricultural agent in Franklin county, has a list of potential buyers for juniper berries.

Only the mature blue juniper berries which have grown their full two years are marketable, and they should be picked cleanly and handled much the same as blueberries. Heavy gloves will protect the picker's hands from the sharp needles of the plant. Plenty of juniper berries may be found about Northfield on the hillsides.

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Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8: On the stage, five selected acts of vodvil and on the screen, "Green Hell" with Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. and Joan Bennett. Sunday through Tuesday, Feb. 10-11: "Stanley and Livingstone" with Spencer Tracy and Nancy Kelly, also "Hawaiian Nights" with an all-star cast.

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Do you know that the leather tanning industry in Massachusetts dates back to 1623 when Experience Miller established the first tannery in New England . . . Measured in value added by manufacture, Massachusetts is the largest leather tanning state in the Union . . . In the State Legislature this year there are 12 new senators and 102 new representatives . . . Of the tourists visiting Massachusetts last season, those from New York numbered a third more than from any other state. . . The first known map of the Massachusetts coast was made by Captain John Smith in 1614 . . . The Mayflower left Plymouth, England on Sept. 6, 1620 with

101 passengers and arrived at Provincetown on Nov. 11. Only 55 members of the colony survived the first winter . . . A seven-masted schooner, the largest sailing vessel ever built in the United States, was launched at Quincy in 1902 and was named the Thomas W. Lawson . . . The company of

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TIMELY TIPS ON NYLON



By BETTY BARCLAY

Surprisingly strong for a product made of just coal, air and water, the new nylon stockings demand a very special kind of care. I have found that nylon hosiery should be given the same attention in laundering as the finest sheer silk.

Like most of you, I have always been interested in the producers of the things I wear and for that reason I inquired at the American Federation of Hosiery Workers in Philadelphia about nylon and the people who make these new stockings. Nylon hosiery, they say, is available in every part of the nation with the union label. That little marker, you know, is a guarantee that the stockings were made under the best of working conditions and by skilled union craftsmen. These craftsmen tell us that nylon should be washed in lukewarm water with a mild pure soap or alkali.

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